GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1300
ANSWERED ON:09.02.2017
Silt Deposits in Ganga River
Kumar Shri Kaushalendra

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Chitle to study the problem of silt deposits in river Ganga owing to Farrakka Dam;
(b) if so, the composition of the said committee and the works undertaken by it in this regard so far;
(c) whether the committee has visited the locations of silt deposits and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether any report has been submitted by the committee thereafter, if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Committee consists of:

i. Shri Madhav Chitale (Expert Member, NGRBA): Chairman;
ii. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation: Member;
iii. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change: Member &
iv. Dr. Mukesh Sinha, Director, CWPRS, Pune: Member Secretary.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee is as follows:

i. To establish need for desilting for ecology and e-flow of the river;
ii. To form guidelines for works on desiltation from Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) to Farakka (West Bengal) and will provide necessary approvals for desiltation works;
iii. To complete the report within three months.

So far, 3 meetings of the Committee have been held and a draft report titled "Report of the Committee constituted for preparation of guidelines for works on desiltation from Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) to Farakka (West Bengal)" has been circulated on 20-12-2016 to concerned Ministries/ State Governments.

(c) No Madam.

(d) A draft report titled "Report of the Committee constituted for preparation of guidelines for works on desiltation from Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) to Farakka (West Bengal)" has been submitted by the Committee and same has been circulated on 20-12-2016 to concerned Ministries/ State Governments.

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